

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 1-2 with the following amended paragraph:

In [[contract]] contrast to such a direct exposure method, very recently, printing apparatus using "digital exposure" methods are practically operable. In other words, digital photo-printers are commercially available. In such a digital photo-printer, while an image recorded on a photographic film (will be simply referred to as a "film" hereinafter) is read out in a photoelectric converting manner, the read image is converted into a digital image signal. Thereafter, this digital image signal is processed by performing various sorts of image processing operations so as to produce image data for recording purposes. Then, a photo-sensitive material is exposed by scanning the recording light which is modulated in response to this image data so as to record an image (latent image) on this photo-sensitive material. This recorded latent image is developed so as to be printed as a digital photo-print.

Replace the paragraph bridging pages 2-3 with the following paragraph:

Basically, this digital photo-printer is arranged by a scanner (image reading apparatus), an image processing apparatus, a printer (image recording apparatus), and a processor (developing apparatus). In the scanner, the reading light is entered into a photographic film, and an image recorded on the film is read in ~~aphotoelectric~~ a photoelectric manner by reading the projection light from this film. In the image processing apparatus, a predetermined process operation is carried out with respect to image data read by the scanner, or image data supplied from a digital camera and the like in order to produce such image data (exposure condition) suitable for image recording operation. In the printer, a photosensitive material is

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scanned/exposed by way of, for example, an optical beam scanning operation in response to the image data outputted from the image processing apparatus so as to record a latent image. In the processor, the photosensitive material exposed by the printer is developed so as to produce finished a photo-print on which the image is reproduced.